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PAPER ON R&A RESULTING FROM THE FIRST READING OF THE WORKING
GROUP. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED ASAP.

BEGIN QUOTE:

A. MEASURES BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

34. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD IMPROVE THEIR NATIONAL PLANNING.
THEY SHOULD ADAPT THEIR PLANNING METHODOLOGIES IN ORDER TO LAUNCH
COHERENT AND INTEGRATED NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS THAT WOULD
JUDICIOUSLY INCORPORATE BOTH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OBJECTIVES. THEY
SHOULD PARTICULARLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF THEIR LOWER
INCOME GROUPS AND THE NEED FOR THE WIDEST POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION
IN DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SHOULD
BE CLEARLY DEFINED IN SUCH PLANS SO AS TO STEER THE COUNTRY'S
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ECONOMY TOWARDS ITS DESIRED LEVEL AND PATTERN OF DEVELOPMENT IN

A RATIONAL AND MUTUALLY SUPPORTING MANNER. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD EVALUATE AT PERIODIC INTERVALS THE PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL PLANS. SYSTEMATIC EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO IMPROVE THE STATISTICAL INFORMATION.

35. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD CARRY OUT THE NECESSARY ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REFORMS, THROUGH LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER MEANS, GEARED TO REMOVING THE IMPEDIMENTS TO THEIR PROGRESS AND TO ENSURING AND STRENGTHENING THEIR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES.

36. CO-ORDINATED POLICIES AND MEASURES SHOULD BE URGENTLY ADOPTED TO RESOLVE THE CURRENT PROBLEMS OF AGRICULTURE, THE PREDOMINANT SECTOR OF ACTIVITY IN MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING PRODUCTION AND INCOME IN THE RURAL AREAS. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD INTENSIFY AND SUSTAIN MEANINGFUL AGRARIAN REFORMS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE, INTER ALIA, LAND-TENURE SYSTEMS, WHENEVER APPROPRIATE. THEY SHOULD ALSO STRENGTHEN, WHENEVER APPROPRIATE, THE ROLE OF CO-OPERATIVES IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE REQUIREMENTS AND PRIORITIES OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED, APPROPRIATE ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID, MOREOVER, TO WATER MANAGEMENT, EXPANSION OF IRRIGATION FACILITIES, DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH-YIELD SEEDS SUITED TO LOCAL CONDITIONS, THE FULLEST APPLICATION OF LABOUR-INTENSIVE METHODS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND OVER-ALL MODERNIZATION OF THE RURAL AREAS.

37. STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIALIZATION BOTH AS AN ESSENTIAL MEANS OF FURTHER EXPANSION AND STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN THE ECONOMY AND AS A SOURCE OF GOODS FOR MEETING BASIC DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS AND FOR INCREASING EXPORT EARNINGS. ENCOURAGEMENT SHOULD BE PROVIDED, AS APPROPRIATE IN THE PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES, TO INDUSTRIES PRODUCING INTERMEDIATE AND CAPITAL GOODS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY HELP TO STRENGTHEN LINKAGES BETWEEN DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY AND PROMOTE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE. AT THE SAME TIME, IN ORDER TO EXPAND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, LABOUR-INTENSIVE METHODS OF PRODUCTION SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED AS APPROPRIATE IN THE PREVAILING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

38. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN WHICH THE PROBLEMS OF MASS POVERTY
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AND UNEMPLOYMENT HAVE BECOME ACUTE SHOULD, IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, AS REFLECTED IN THEIR OVER-ALL PLANS, FORMULATE POLICIES WHICH AIM SIMULTANEOUSLY AT FOSTERING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND COMBATING MASS POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT, THROUGH, INTER ALIA, A CHANGE IN THE COMPOSITION OF PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION IN FAVOUR OF POORER GROUPS. THESE COUNTRIES SHOULD GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE BENEFICIAL ROLE THAT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AND LAND IMPROVEMENT COULD PLAY IN

COPING WITH THESE PROBLEMS AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT DESIGN. EMPHASIS IN THIS CONTEXT SHOULD, WHERE APPROPRIATE, BE ON SUCH ACTIVITIES AS LOW-COST HOUSING, WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE SCHEMES AND FEEDER ROADS WHICH ENCOURAGE THE USE OF LOCAL MATERIALS AND IDLE LABOUR, AND MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE OBJECTIVES OF A MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF CONSUMPTION AND INCOME.

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39. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD SCRUTINIZE THEIR EDUCATIONAL PRIORITIES AND POLICIES. STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN FURTHER TO ORIENT EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPMENT, TO EXPAND TRAINING FACILITIES FOR GENERATING HIGH LEVELS OF SKILLS AND TO STEM THE OUTFLOW OF TRAINED PERSONNEL.

40. FURTHER STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE HEALTH SERVICES. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD ADOPT DEMOGRAPHIC POLICIES SUITABLE TO THEIR OWN CONCEPT OF DEVELOPMENT AND CONSISTENT WITH HUMAN DIGNITY. THOSE COUNTRIES SEEKING A REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF POPULATION INCREASE SHOULD EXPAND FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES.

41. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD REINFORCE THEIR EFFORTS TO RAISE THEIR SAVING RATIO. BUDGET AND TAX PROCEDURES SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED BOTH TO ACHIEVE A FULLER MOBILIZATION OF DOMESTIC FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND TO IMPROVE DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME. INTERNAL REVENUE SHOULD BE INCREASED BY, AMONG OTHER MEANS, DEVISING WHERE APPROPRIATE, NEW AND MORE EFFICIENT TAXES AND PROCEDURES OF TAX ADMINISTRATION. APPROPRIATE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE

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FOSTERED TO MOBILIZE INDIVIDUAL SAVINGS AND TO CHANNEL THEM TO PRIORITY USES.

42. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE, WHEN NECESSARY, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS TO MAKE THE ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTORS, INCLUDING THEIR CONTRACTURAL ARRANGEMENTS, COMPATIBLE WITH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES AND TO CONTROL THE OUTFLOW OF CAPITAL.

43. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD FURTHER INTENSIFY THEIR EXPORT-PROMOTION EFFORTS, INCLUDING THOSE AIMED AT DIVERSIFYING THEIR EXPORTS, WITH STEADILY INCREASING PROPORTION OF MANUFACTURED AND SEMI-MANUFACTURED GOODS.

44. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE FURTHER AND VIGOROUS STEPS TO EXPAND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES. DEPENDING UPON THE SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES, CO-OPERATION COULD TAKE A VARIETY OF FORMS: INTER ALIA, THROUGH MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS; THROUGH JOINT EFFORTS TO SET UP OR IMPROVE APPROPRIATE MACHINERY TO DEFEND THE PRICES OF THEIR EXPORTABLE COMMODITIES AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO AND STABILIZATION OF MARKETS FOR THEM; THROUGH JOINT EFFORTS TO PROMOTE EXPORTS, CO-OPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND REGIONAL OR SUB-REGIONAL INTEGRATION.

B. MEASURES BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

45. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS AS WELL AS TO SUPPLY CONCERTING EFFORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT HELP TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT. THEY SHOULD IN PARTICULAR ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENTS ALREADY CONCLUDED, SUCH AS THE INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT. IN SO FAR AS AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED ON A SET OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES ON A PRICING POLICY AND ACCESS TO MARKETS FOR COMMODITIES, PRICING POLICY FOR COMMODITIES MAY BE DETERMINED BY EXPORTING COUNTRIES ENSURING THAT IT SHOULD BE REMUNERATIVE TO PRODUCERS AND EQUITABLE TO BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD ALSO REDUCE AND THEN ELIMINATE WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD THE ADVERSE SPILL-OVER OF THEIR AGRICULTURAL POLICIES ON DEVELOPING COUNTRY SUPPLIERS. THEY SHOULD, INTER ALIA, GIVE CLOSE ATTENTION TO WHATEVER COMPLEMENTARIES MAY EXIST BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT PROMOTION AND THEIR OWN ENVIRONMENTAL

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RELATED REASONS FOR FAVOURING CERTAIN NATURAL RAW MATERIAL IMPORTS
OVER DOMESTIC SYNTHETICS.

46. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET IMPLEMENTED A GENERAL-
IZED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES FOR IMPORTS OF MANUFACTURES AND SEMI-
MANUFACTURES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD COMPLETE THE
NECESSARY PROCEDURES AND PUT SUCH A SCHEME INTO EFFECT WITHOUT
DELAY. OTHERS ARE URGED TO MAKE VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO ENLARGE AND
LIBERALIZE THEIR EXISTING SCHEMES. END QUOTE.BASSIN

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